

COUNCIL

DATE	26 th March 2026
REPORT OF	The Monitoring Officer
SUBJECT	Appointment of Co-opted Member to the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel
STATUS	Open
FORWARD PLAN REF NO.	Not applicable

CONTRIBUTION TO OUR AIMS

Good governance arrangements contribute directly to the achievement of the Council's strategic aims.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A report advising of a proposed appointment of a non-voting trade union representative as a co-opted member of the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Simon Jones (Unison Convenor) be appointed as a non-voting trade union co-opted member of the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel, with effect from the 2026/27 Municipal Year.

REASONS FOR DECISION

Appointments to seats on the Council's Committees, Panels and Outside Bodies are determined by full Council at its Annual Meeting. Any changes following these formal appointments are notified to full Council for formal approval.

1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

1.1 The Council's Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules state that the 'Scrutiny Panel dealing with education matters shall include in its membership the following voting representatives:

- (a) 1 Church of England diocese representative;
- (b) 1 Roman Catholic diocese representative;
- (c) parent governor representatives.

In addition, this Panel shall include one non-voting Trade Union representative'.

1.2 The relevant Scrutiny Panel in this paragraph is the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel.

1.3 The trade union co-opted member position on the panel has recently been vacated and a nomination has been received for Simon Jones (Unison Convenor) to be appointed as the non-voting trade union representative.

1.4 As appointments to committees and panels of the Council are a matter reserved for Council, this nomination is now presented for formal approval.

2. RISKS, OPPORTUNITIES AND EQUALITY ISSUES

It is a requirement of the Council's Constitution that these changes be notified to Council.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Not applicable.

4. REPUTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS

These matters are reported to the Council as required by the Constitution and to support the continued good governance of the Council.

5. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

In line with the Council's Members Allowances Scheme, co-opted members are entitled to an annual allowance of £260. This will be financed within the existing members allowances budget.

6. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct implications for children and young people arising from the recommendations within this report.

7. CLIMATE CHANGE, NATURE RECOVERY AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no climate change, nature recovery or environmental implications arising from the recommendations within this report.

8. PUBLIC HEALTH, HEALTH INEQUALITIES AND MARMOT IMPLICATIONS

There are no public health, health inequalities or Marmot implications arising from the recommendations within this report.

9. CONSULTATION WITH SCRUTINY

Not applicable.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

11. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

As set out in the main body of the report.

12. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct human resources implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

13. WARD IMPLICATIONS

All wards are potentially affected.

14. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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